

CLAIMS:

1. A method for bagging compressible particle material in bulk compressed form, the method comprising the steps of:

- providing a compressed quantity of free standing compressible particle material on a base, the compressed particle material forming a body holding a desired shape for a period of time sufficient to permit bagging;
- providing a bagging apparatus with a stretchable bag, the bag having an open mouth, a mouth perimeter being smaller than a body perimeter and smaller than a base perimeter when the bag is in a relaxed state;
- using the bagging apparatus to stretch the bag and the mouth so that the mouth perimeter becomes larger than the body perimeter and larger than the base perimeter;
- progressively enclosing the body in the bag through the open mouth until the body and at least a top part of the base are contained within the bag; and
- releasing the bag so that a sufficient memory of the bag allows the bag to provide a compressive force on the at least top part of the base and body, the body being sealed in an enclosure formed by the base and bag.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the compressible particle material is peat moss.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the peat moss has a water-content ranging from about 25 to about 50 weight % and a density ranging from about 0.05 to about 0.15 gm/cc on dry basis.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the base is a pallet.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the base is elevated before the at least top part of the base is contained within the bag and the base is brought back down after the bag is released from the bagging apparatus.

6. A pack of compressible particle material comprising:
- a base;
 - a body of compressed particle material in bulk form upstanding freely from the base and compressed directly thereon; and
 - a bag enclosing the body and producing a compressive force thereon so as to retain the compressed particle material in bulk compressed form on the base, the bag and base defining an enclosure completely enclosing the body with the enclosure having a bottom constituted by the base.
7. The pack according to claim 6, wherein the compressible particle material is peat moss.
8. The pack according to claim 7, wherein the peat moss has a water-content ranging from about 25 to about 50 weight % and a density ranging from about 0.05 to about 0.15 gm/cc on dry basis.
9. The pack according to claim 6, wherein the bag is made of a fluid-impervious plastic tube sealed at one end thereof.
10. The pack according to claim 6, wherein the base is a pallet.
11. The bag according to claim 6, wherein the bag is stretchable, the bag having a mouth perimeter which is smaller than a body perimeter when the bag is in a relaxed state.